

R E M A R K S

The office action of March 23, 2005 has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is requested. Claims 1-26, 29-35, and 38-39 remain in this case, claims 36-37 and 40 being cancelled and claims 26 and 29-30 being amended by this response.

The numbered paragraphs below correspond to the numbered paragraphs in the Office Action.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

3. Claims 26, 36 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rockwell, III (5,009,483). Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection, claim 26 has been amended and claims 36 and 40 have been cancelled to further prosecution of this application.

More specifically, claim 26 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 27. The Examiner stated that claim 27 is allowable. Therefore, claim 26 should now be allowable.

Claim 29 is now an independent claim, which includes all of the limitations of claim 26. Claim 29 was objected to in the office action as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As amended, independent claim 29 should now be allowable.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

5. Claim 31-33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rockwell, III in view of Terry et al. (5,127,078). Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection, claim 27 has been incorporated into claim 26 to further prosecution of the application. As discussed above, claim 26 should now be allowable.

Dependent claims 31-33, being dependent upon and further limiting claim 26, should also be allowable for that reason, as well as for the additional recitations it contains. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 31-33 is respectfully requested.

6. Claim 37 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rockwell, III in view of Garito (5,729,645). Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection, claim 37 has been cancelled to further prosecution of the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 27-30 and 34-35 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 27 has been incorporated into claim 26 and claim 26 should now be allowable. Dependent claims 34-35, being dependent upon claim 26, should also be allowable for that reason, as well as for the recitations they contain. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of claims 34-35 is respectfully requested.

Claim 29 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 26. Claim 29 should now be allowable. Claim 30, being dependent upon and further limiting claim 29, should also be allowable for that reason, as well as for the recitations it contains. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 29 and 30 is respectfully requested.

8. Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner's statement that claims 1-25 and 38-39 are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant believes the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with

Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

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